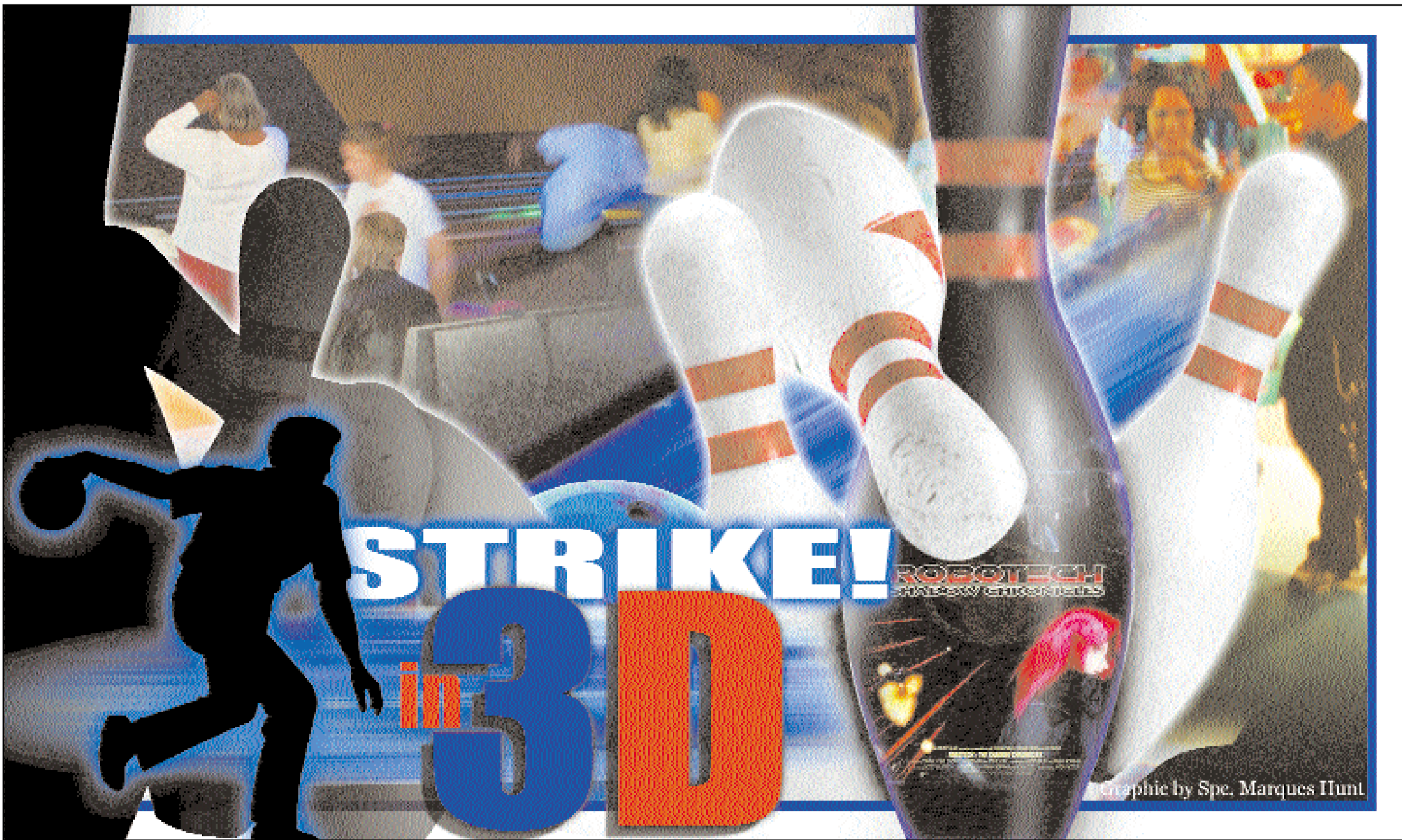


Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle



Graphic by Spc. Marques Hunt

Corkan Family Recreation Area brings fun to life at Stewart Lanes

Pat Young
Frontline Staff

Stewart Lanes went high-tech for a special event Monday night. "Tonight we're showing a Robo-tech movie and glow bowl with 3-D glasses," said Ronnie Stevens, Corkan Family Recreation Area business manager. "It's one of a few things we're doing to bring affordable family fun to our community."

The movie was an animated sequel to the 1985 Robo-tech television series. The movie hit the big screen in January 2006 and was released to DVD Feb. 6, according to www.wikipedia.com.

The audience had an opportunity to show off

their Robo-tech knowledge and participate in a pre-movie contest with winners getting free games and admission to Corkan Family Recreation Area.

Visitors also had an opportunity to provide the management with a survey to help the center meet future community needs.

Stewart Lanes, as part of Corkan Family Recreation has dollar night on Monday and Thursday nights, with fifty cent shoe rentals.

"On March 23, we reopen the skating ring at Corkan Gym," Stevens said. "Thursdays will be hip-hop, Fridays will feature oldies, Saturdays is disco and Sundays is rock-n-roll."

Stewart Lanes features bowling with state of the art score and audio system, snack bar, party room,

two pool tables, wide-screen television, air hockey, video games, a dance machine and more. "I like it, (Stewart Lanes), its pretty cool," said Pvt. Hector Ramos, Special Troops Battalion, who visited the center with his wife Michelle and their two-year-old daughter Jade. Ramos said he frequented the facility to bowl with his friends and family.

"I think its wonderful," Michelle said as Jade maneuvered her over to the video games.

Stewart Lanes is one part of the recreation area, which also includes a mini-golf course, a seasonal splash-park, seasonal skating and Cypress Sam's Tree House. The tree house is a three-level recreation area designed for children 12 and younger

that features slides and bumpers, cushion ball throwing volcano and blasters, and a rest area where family members can rest while children work out their energy.

The skating rink will be open 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Two dollars to skate, and a dollar for skate rentals"

Stevens said community members who own their own skates or inline skates can use them once they're inspected for safety. She said it's important to protect the floor from damage and the skater from injury.

For more information about upcoming events at Corkan Family Recreation or to learn more about Stewart Lanes, call 767-8609.



Nondice Powell

While the grand opening for the new Hunter Fitness Center isn't until 1 p.m. Feb. 28 , , gym goers are already able to enjoy

Hunter fitness center ready to go

Nondice Powell
Hunter Army Airfield

Hunter Army Airfield's new fitness center will officially open with a grand opening scheduled for 1 p.m. Feb. 28. Third Infantry Division Commanding General Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs, Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Carl Coffman and Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation Director Linda Heifferon are among those expected to attend the grand opening.

While the grand opening isn't until then, members of the Hunter community are already using the 77,000-square-foot facility. The Hunter Fitness Center, located on Duncan Dr. and Billy Mitchell Blvd., opened for business Feb. 17 and is already receiving positive feedback from those using the facility.

"I like it," said Pvt. Kari Waldrop, E Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "It's bigger and has a lot more [than the old gym]. I'll use it a lot more."

"It's a lot nicer than the old one," said Maj. Matt Ferguson, D Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "The old one was cramped. This one is just a better facility. It actually has an

indoor pool and you don't have to wait in line for equipment."

The 25-meter indoor pool is just one of the many features of the new fitness center. There are three racquetball courts, mountain climbing wall, free weight room, selector rise weight room, cardio room, dance/aerobics room, three full basketball courts and volleyball. The fitness center also has a conference room, concessionaire stand, and child care center. The child care center will be open for limited hours for those who want to come to the gym and workout. In addition to everything else, the male and female locker rooms each have a sauna and whirlpool.

"There's really no comparison to the old facility," said Millard Jones, DMWR director at Hunter. "This is a state of the art facility. That was an old 1954 facility with limited use. I think this is a great facility. It's been something long overdue."

The fitness center is open from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. training and federal holidays. The indoor pool is open 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday; 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday; 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Special to the Frontline

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's "We'll Match It!" initiative has been updated to allow authorized shoppers to compare prices between the exchange and "warehouse clubs."

"Previously, AAFES didn't match 'warehouse clubs' as their shelf prices are offset by required membership fees," said the Ft. Stewart/Hunter General Manager Tina Lovitt. "Military families made it clear that while they understood the PX does not charge fees, they still considered it to be the original 'members only' club. Honoring warehouse club prices is just another example of AAFES adapting to meet the expectations of those it serves."

It is only through proactive surveying and review that AAFES can ensure its prices are routinely lower than the competition. But even with consistent monitoring, today's competitive retail landscape requires AAFES to rely on its price matching program to guarantee that, in the event the PX doesn't have the lowest price, authorized customers will always receive the best price.

"We'll Match It!" works in two ways:

Shoppers who see a price differential of less than \$10 can tell the cashier who will match it on the spot. Customers who report a price difference of greater than \$10 need only to bring a current local competitor's ad to receive the reduced price.

In either "We'll Match It" scenario the merchandise being compared must be identical.

"AAFES is committed to having low prices," said Lovitt. "'We'll Match It!' is simply a last line of defense in our desire to be the military shopper's first choice. After AAFES conducts national surveys and our associates compare local prices, military families at Ft. Stewart/Hunter have this price matching mechanism to make sure no one missed anything."

"We'll Match It!" promotes AAFES as a price

leader with a pledge that its operations will match competitors' current local price on any identical stock assortment. In addition to this same-day pledge, AAFES also offers a 30-day price guarantee on any item originally purchased from the PX and subsequently sold at a lower price by AAFES, or another local competitor (excluding unauthorized dealers).

Since AAFES has a dual mission to provide quality merchandise and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to supplement MWR programs, there are exceptions to the "We'll Match It!" program. Except for the Exchange Catalog and aafes.com, the PX cannot accept challenges from any catalog or website. Other exclusions include special offers or promotions, free-with-purchase offers, limited quantity offers, bundled promotions, special financing, "gimmick" promotions, special order automotive parts, gasoline, automotive labor/service, double and triple coupons, clearance items, flat percentage off items and vending items.

"We'll Match It!" is available every day of the year exclusively at AAFES facilities around the world. Purchases from the Exchange generate funds for much needed MWR programs. In the past 10 years, AAFES contributed more than \$2.4 billion to Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Services/programs.

These funds are used in support of Youth Services, Armed Forces Recreation Centers, post functions and other quality of life initiatives enjoyed by military families on installations across the globe.

The "We'll Match It!" policy applies to all AAFES retail stores at Ft. Stewart / Hunter including the Victory Shoppette , Car Care Center and Class Six . Complete details concerning the price matching program are available online at aafes.com or by calling the PX at 876-2850.

ATTENTION BUILDING OCCUPANTS

There will be a high-temperature and chilled-water outage supplied by Fort Stewart's central Energy plant beginning at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 25. The high-temperature water outage will conclude at 5 p.m. Feb. 27; however, the chilled-water outage extends until 5 p.m. March 1. During subject outage all buildings being supplied by Fort Stewart's Central Energy Plant will be without high temperature and chilled water. The outage will impact barracks, administration buildings, dining facilities, Clinics, Etc.. The building affected will be within the 200, 500, 600, 700 and 800 blocks. The outage is necessary to accomplish retrofits and repairs to the current construction efforts at the central plant.

Hot water for showers will be available within the limits of buildings backup hot water storage capabilities. Heat within the buildings will be limited during this high temperature water outage due to drainage of a portion of the distribution system.

Pets of the Week



Bagira the kitten and Balu the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter.

The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



MWR Briefs

Garrison commander's golf scramble slated

The Garrison Commander's golf scramble starts 8:45 a.m. tomorrow at Taylors Creek Golf Course. For more information, or to register a team, call 767-2370.

Stewart and Hunter CYS registration closure

The Child and Youth Services central registration will be closed 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 26-28. Regular hours will resume at 8 a.m. Feb. 29 Feb.

Registration packets for childcare, sports and classes are available at all CYS facilities. In the event of an emergency requiring childcare registration or placement, please go to the Stewart Child Development Center, Bldg 442 for assistance.

You may also call 767-9662 or 9661 or at Hunter visit either the Child Development Center, building 1284 or School Age Services, building 1289. For more information about Hunter registration call 315-5425 or 315-6075.

Hunter Fitness Center grand opening

The new Hunter Fitness Center is ready! Join us for our Grand Opening ceremony at 1 p.m., Feb. 28. For more information, call 767-2697.

Army Emergency Relief drive

The Army AER annual fund drive kicks off at 9:15 a.m., March 2 at Fort Stewart at the ACS Family Readiness Center, building 87. It starts at Hunter at 9 a.m. March 5 at the ACS building 1286.

Army Speed Pool tourney at ROCKY'S

Rocky's kicks off an eight week tourney scheduled for every Friday starting at 8 p.m. March 7.

The Wednesday game is March 14. Weekly winners advance to the finals on April 27.

The registration fee is \$25, which includes a limited edition custom Fort Stewart pool cue & carrying case; however only 200 are available. The first 50 to register receive trick-shot teaching DVDs.

Cool prizes for weekly winners like mini MP3 Players, memory sticks and tourney T-shirts. The installation tournament winner takes away an all inclusive three-night trip for two to Las Vegas!

Dave Pearson, world speed pool record holder, will be there. Beat his world record & win \$100,000. Register at 767-8715 or 368-2212

High Adventure Weekend

MWR offers a three day, two night trip March 23-25 to Coker Creek Adventure Center, near Chattanooga, Tennessee. The bus leaves Stewart at 5 p.m. March 23 and accommodations include bunkhouse style accommodations, five meals, your choice of horseback riding or mountain biking in the morning, then whitewater rafting on the Oconee River in the afternoon.

On March 25, they'll be time for sightseeing or hiking before returning home. The cost is \$230 per individual. Payment is due March 1. For more information, call 767-2841.



A A F E S P R E S E N T S

FEB. 22 - FEB 26



Stomp the Yard

Feb. 23, 24 — 9 p.m.

Feb. 28 — 7 p.m.

(Columbus Short, Brian J. White)

DJ, a troubled youth from Los Angeles attending the historically black Truth University in Atlanta, Georgia. When adapting to his new environment proves difficult, DJ finds solace in joining a struggling fraternity where he begins implementing his street-style dance moves in an attempt to help the step team win the coveted National Step Show Championship.

Before long DJ becomes the competing fraternity's main rival, while trying to pursue his new love interest, deal with his own troubled past and learn the true meanings of brotherhood and Fraternity along the way. Rated PG-13 (violence, sexual material, language) 114 min

Freedom Writers

Feb. 23, 24, 25 — 6 p.m.

(Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton)

A dedicated California teacher finds a way

to unify her disadvantaged, racially divided students, and to improve their grasp of academics, partly by having them keep journals about their violent, troubled lives.

Rated PG13 (violent content, thematic material, language) 123 min

Primeval

Feb. 22 — 7 p.m.

(Dominic Purcell, Orlando Jones)

In one of the most remote places on earth, a bloodthirsty Crocodile has claimed over 300 victims, and is still at large to this day. An American news crew is determined to capture this terrifying murderer alive.

The danger begins as producer Tim Freeman, cameraman Steven Johnson and their rag-tag team set out on a journey upriver in search of their subject.

But the deeper they probe into the mystery of this elusive assassin, the deadlier their trip becomes. Inspired by the true story of the world's most prolific killer.

Rated R (strong graphic violence, brutality, terror, language) 94 min



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule, but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. Call 767-3069 for more information.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

19 January

• **Seeda Maurice Perry**, a girl, 7 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Spc. James Perry and Heather Satterfield.

3 February

• **Hannah Elizabeth Dyer**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Derrick Dyer and Sgt. Andrea Dyer.

5 February

• **Ethan John Farinelli**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. John and Melissa Farinelli.

• **Curtis Trey Lee Rife**, a boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Spc. Curtis Lee Rife, Jr. and April Rife.

6 February

• **Ciaran Niall Dublann Blair**, a boy, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Maj. Marc Blair and Capt. Angela Blair.

7 February

• **Gunnar Ian Murray**, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Brett and Bethany Murray.

• **Kiera Rose Nonnenmacher**, a girl, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Daniel and Danielle Nonnenmacher.

• **Ryder Louis Stach**, a boy, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael and Stacey Stach.

8 February

• **Genevieve Grace (G.G.) Stone**, a girl, 10 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class David and Bess Stone.

• **Harry Hamilton Morgan, III**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Harry and Stephanie Morgan.

• **Victor Cole Owen**, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Spc. Johns and Amanda Owen.

9 February

• **Morgan Pakalana Groves**, a girl, 8 pounds, born to Mark Groves and April Groves (USN-NO RANK OR UNIT) MATERNITY CARE.

• **William Thomas Marzolf**, a boy, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Sgt. Joshua and Karla Marzolf.

• **Avery Tucker Notz**, a boy, 7 pounds, born to Pfc. Derek and Lindsey Notz.

• **Adrian David Perez**, a boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. Axel and Betzy Perez.

• **Isabella Francesca Stamper**, a girl, 8 pounds, ounces, born to Pvt. Joshua and Chandra Stamper.

• **Leijing Rae Woodard**, a boy, 6 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Sgt. Leonard and Zahrah Woodard.

10 February

• **Andalynn Dee Hayden**, a girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Pfc. Cameron and Morgan Hayden.

• **Joshua Charles Ryan Hull**, a boy, 8 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Spc. James and Lorinda Hull.

• **Desmond Thomas Wilfong**, a boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Anthony Troy and Stephanie Wilfong.

11 February

• **Le'Cedric De'Andre Brown**, a boy, 8

9 ounces, born to Sgt. Cedric and Lakesia Brown.

• **Bridgett Leighann Nadeau**, a girl, 7 pounds, born to Sgt. Micheal and Jennifer Nadeau.

12 February

• **Rashelki Heaven-Nyngyo Hall**, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Dustin Hall and Christina Grimes.

Winn Briefs

You choose the Furniture

Winn Army Community Hospital is hosting a furniture fair for patients to come see what guest-seating furniture they would like to see in the hospital waiting areas. The event is scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 7 in the Patriot Auditorium. We want your opinion, so come out and sit in the furniture.

Courtesy cart returns

The Winn Army Community Hospital courtesy cart is back in service and ready to pick you up. The cart operates 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and will take you from the hospital parking area to the hospital entrances.

Book appointments online

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line? TRICARE online could be your answer. You can book your appointments online at the TRICARE online Web site, www.tricareonline.com. This link is also available through the Winn Web site home-page, www.winn.amedd.army.mil.

Let us know how we're doing

We need you, our customer, to take our Winn Survey. Please stop by the Patient Representative's Office on the first floor of the hospital, suite CH32, to take our 5 minute computer survey about your visit at Winn on the day of your visit.

Fix DEERS to receive healthcare

Beneficiaries must keep their DEERS information up-to-date or they may not be able to receive referrals, schedule appointments or access TRICARE Online. DEERS information can be updated by calling 1-800-538-9552, visiting www.tricare.osd.mil/deers/default.cfm or stopping by Building 253 on Fort Stewart.

Winn seeking volunteers

Winn Army Community Hospital is seeking adult volunteers who are interested in administrative, clerical or clinical duties throughout the hospital. The next hospital volunteer orientation is scheduled 9 a.m. March 1 in the Patriot Auditorium.

For more information, call Brigitte Roberts, 435-6903, e-mail brigitte.roberts@se.amedd.army.mil.

Obstetrics registration class

If you have had a positive pregnancy test, the obstetrics registration classes will give you the opportunity to ask questions, take initial lab tests, create your OB medical records and schedule your first appointment with your health care team. The classes are held at Winn 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. At Tuttle classes are held 8 a.m. Tuesdays.

For more information or to register, call 435-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

SHARON Durrance



Sharon Durrance of Lakeland, Fla., is a Red Cross volunteer working as a patient transport driver at Winn Army Community Hospital. Durrance volunteers to help out and to give something back to the community. Her interests and hobbies include cooking, sports and exercise.

If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Roberts at 435-6903.

Your sacrifice to God: the reason behind Lenten Season



Chap. (Capt.) Stan Jasiurkowski
87th CSSB

On Ash Wednesday (February 21, 2007), we began the liturgy Lenten Season. The forty days of Lent are traditionally a period of meditation, prayer and spiritual renewal among most of the Christian denominations. This is the time of year when Church deploys all of her rich resources to bring us back to holiness, and wholeness with Christ.

To share in this experience we attend Lenten services, practice special Lenten devotions at home, increase our spiritual reading, and give more time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. As we keep the cross before our eyes for forty days, we come to Easter with a new appreciation of God's love for us in Christ.

The liturgical color of Lent is purple, the color of repentance. It depicts the mood of Lent. It is a serious time because our Lord is being tried, condemned and murdered. This should fill us with horror and shame, for we too share in this tragedy by our own sins.

When our best friend is suffering and dying, especially in our behalf, it is not a time for lightheartedness and frivolity.

Lent is the most serious time of the Church year. It is a time of questioning. Life or death questions are asked of Jesus as He gets closer to the cross. It is also a time of testing. Judas is tested and found wanting. Peter is tested for loyalty. Jesus' obedience to God is tested in Gethsemane. Lent is a time for tears too. Judas was filled with remorse for his betrayal. Peter wept bitterly after his denial of his Lord. In sympathy, women wept for Jesus as He carried His cross to Calvary. Above all, Lent is a time of dying. It is a time for being nailed to a tree, for having a crown of thorns put on His head, for the agony of thirst, for the desolation of loneliness, and for a spear in His side. This is a time that tries a man's soul.

Fasting is an ancient and biblical practice of denying self for spiritual discipline. It means saying "No" to yourself. You may fast on food, drink or pleasure. The money saved by such fasting could be given to the extension of God's kingdom through the Church or

charity. To truly fast, you must give up something that is very precious to you, that would be a sacrifice to give up. Think of what would be most difficult for you to give up for forty days for the sake of Jesus. Then make it your sacrifice to God. Fasting calls for self-discipline, self-denial, and self-sacrifice. Out of this period of fasting you emerge stronger in faith and closer to Christ.

Have a program of spiritual development. This means taking a couple of minutes each morning and evening for a tryst with God. Spend the time thinking, meditating, praying and reading the Bible or something spiritual and inspirational.

During the Lenten Services as well as every day pray for peace in our country and in the world. Every day remember before God our fellow service men and women who risk their lives thousands of miles away from their homes in order that the American people may live in peace and well-being. Since Christ died for all men, reach out each week to someone not attending church and invite at least one to go to church with you.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Heritage	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Heritage	.5 p.m.
<u>Protestant</u>		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Victory	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 a.m.
American Samoan	Vale	.11 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Tuesday)	Vale	.9:30 a.m.

<u>Islamic</u>		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		

<u>Jewish</u>		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.

Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	.11 a.m.

<u>Protestant</u>		
Sunday Service	Chapel	.9 a.m.

Religious Education Contacts

Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.

Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry Junior and Senior High Students!

Join us for free games and pizza
6:30 - 8 p.m. Sunday,
at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.
For more information,
call 877-7207.



Kids Church

Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to Noon, Sunday

at School Age Services
(across from Diamond Elementary)

For all kids Grade K-6

Scheduled Bus Pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

Questions?

Contact Chaplain Ric Thompson at 767-6831

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Black Heritage exhibition displayed

SAVANNAH — The 18th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival, presented by the city of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs and Savannah State University, will include a juried exhibition that is on display through Feb. 28.

The 2007 BHF theme is “Our Journey - A Story Unfolding.” The theme celebrates the journeys of Africans and African Americans, and tells the ever-unfolding story of their courage, commitment, dedication and fortitude throughout an enduring path to freedom and justice - a path that has influenced the history and cultural heritage of America.

The 2007 festival is the eighth produced by Savannah State University and the 18th sponsored by the city of Savannah. All festival events are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Savannah Black Heritage Festival message line at 912-691-6847.

Military invited to Kiawah Island

To show our appreciation for all active military personnel, we're offering special rates at all five courses, during the month of February.

Active personnel will have the opportunity to play the Ocean Course, the host course of the 2007 Senior PGA Championship, for a charge of \$75 per player.

The four remaining courses, Osprey Point, Turtle Point, Cougar Point, and Oak Point can be played at a charge of \$45 per player. Players who are not active military personnel will be charged the resort guest fees of \$230 at The Ocean Course, \$130 at Turtle Point, Osprey Point, and Cougar Point, and \$83 at Oak Point.

Phone numbers for booking are: Ocean Course, 843-266-4670; Osprey Point, 843-266-4640; Turtle Point, 843-266-4050; Cougar Point, 843-266-4020; Oak Point, 843-266-4100.

GSU arts season events planned

STATESBORO — Here is the lineup for the Performing Arts Center at Georgia Southern University:

- **March 8** — Moscow Festival Ballet presents “Swan Lake.” Founded by a member of the legendary Bolshoi Ballet, this troupe features the classic Russian style of ballet.

To buy a season subscription or get more information, call toll free (866) PAC-ARTS, or visit the PAC website at <http://ceps.georgia-southern.edu/pac>.

Pageant contestants sought

FLEMINGTON — The Miss Liberty and Miss Long County Forestry Scholarship Pageants is Saturday at Brewton-Parker College in Flemington.

Contestants are being sought. The pageants are open to all contestants up to 16 years old. Contestants ages 17-24 must live, work or go to school in the county they represent.

Both pageants are preliminaries to the Miss Georgia Forestry Scholarship Pageant. Winners will get gold crowns, custom sashes, trophies and entry fees paid to the 68th Miss Georgia Forestry State Scholarship Pageant in June at Tifton.

The state pageant awards thousands of dollars in scholarships, cash and prizes each year.

For more information, call Rita Watson, director, at 368-6960 days or 876-2775 evenings. E-mail longforestry@yahoo.com or libertyforestry@yahoo.com.

Sing your heart out

The Greater Georgia Choral Chapter is looking for people who love gospel music and who want to do more than just listen to it.

GGCC offers an opportunity to grow in the ministry of gospel music for adults and youth. Groups and individuals are welcome.

Contact Wilma Gregg or Andre Gregg, at 912-368-4185.

Free dance lessons offered

Free ballroom dancing lessons are being offered at Club Stewart 7 to 9 p.m., the first Wednesday of every month by the Moon River Dancers Association in Savannah. It is for soldiers and their families.

Couples and singles welcome. No registration required, just show up and learn. Call 767-8609, for information.

Also, if you're into ballroom dancing and don't mind the drive, the Seaside Dance Association in St. Simons Island has dances every Tuesday and Thursday through the summer at Blanche's Courtyard starting at 7 p.m.

The association also hosts a dance on the last Sunday of each month at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel, in the grand dining room. Instruction starts at 5:15 and seating for the dinner and dance starts at 6.

For more information, call (912) 634-9527 or e-mail, SeasideDance@bellsouth.net.

View Native art

CARTERSVILLE — After a year on the road, male and female effigies created several hundred years ago have returned home to Etowah Indian Mounds Historic Site here.

The nearly three-foot-tall marble sculptures had been part of the traveling exhibit “Hero, Hawk and Open Hand,” showcasing American Indian art of the ancient Midwest and South.

The sculptures were found in mound C which was excavated during the 1950s and are among the finest pieces of ancient Indian art in the United States.

They were so well preserved that even the paint colors are still vivid today.

Today, visitors to Etowah Indian Mounds can see the original effigies while touring the museum and grounds.

Exhibits include ornamental pieces, a head-shaped rattle made of copper, pottery, weapons and dozens of other artifacts dating back as much as 1,000 years.

Three main mounds remain, the highest standing 63-feet.

The historic site is six miles southwest of I-75 exit 288 in Cartersville. Admission is \$2.50 for children and \$4 for adults. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2-5:30 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 770-387-3747 or visit www.gastateparks.org/info/etowah.

Chess, anyone?

STATESBORO — Adults and children alike are invited to play chess in the Statesboro Mall 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday. Chess in the Mall is hosted by the Ogeechee River Scholastic Chess Association and school chess clubs throughout Bulloch County. Go to <http://chess85.tripod.com> or e-mail j-lutz@enia.net or call 912-764-9770.

Local chess players are also trying to stir interest in the game around Hinesville.

If you're interested in playing, and possibly forming a club, call 876-4715.

Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m. Free at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, Upstairs, Jefferson & West St. Julian Streets, free 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call (912) 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1 to 3 p.m. at W. Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May St. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 912-925-

7416 or visit www.savannahsabda.org.

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - Signup at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 912-233-5348.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square. Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938. Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Literary activities are held at various times October through May, free. Call 912-233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4 to 8 p.m. Call 912-925-7116.

The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets, which are \$6, are available an hour before showtime.

Free year of golf offered

Georgia State Park Golf Courses have membership benefits that will cost you nothing.

Become a Georgia Golf Internet member and you'll be automatically entered into quarterly drawings for an annual greens pass (a \$575 value).

Internet members receive benefits, such as discounts on green fees and pros shop merchandise, free range balls, free golf for your birthday, invitations to special events, a monthly newsletter and more.

And as a member, you'll be able to make tee times online. Register at www.GolfGeorgia.org. You may call 1-800-434-0982.

Visit Armstrong Arboretum

SAVANNAH — Armstrong Atlantic State University has an arboretum, which encompasses the 250 acre campus and displays more than 100 species of trees and 200 species of shrubs and other woody plants.

The Fern Collection, featuring 23 varieties of native and non-native ferns, is on the west side of Jenkins Hall.

The recently completed Ginger Collection focuses on seven groups of ginger plants and is at the south end of Hawes Hall.

For more information or to schedule an educational tour, call AASU's plant operations at 912-921-5472.

Frisbee golf

ELBERTON — Disc golf may not get much coverage by sports writers, but it has a loyal following of fans who enjoy exercising outdoors while testing their throwing skills.

The typical course features 18 “holes” with challenges of trees, streams and other natural obstacles.

One of the most scenic and well kept disc golf courses in Georgia is at Richard B. Russell State Park in Elberton. While hiking between tee pads, players enjoy the rolling green scenery of this pastoral park. The cost is only \$2 for parking and \$1 per person to play.

After a fun game in the field, visitors can enjoy watersports on Lake Richard B. Russell, explore hiking and biking trails, or relax at numerous picnic spots throughout the park.

Overnight accommodations include lake-side cottages and shaded campsites. Richard B. Russell State Park is located 8 miles northeast of Elberton off Hwy. 77.

For more

information, call 706-213-2045 or visit www.gastateparks.org.

Train in Southwest Georgia

CORDELE — Take a ride into history aboard the SAM Shortline Excursion Train. Riding in vintage railcars, passengers travel past scenic country farms, stepping off to explore quaint towns and fascinating historic sites.

President Jimmy Carter's boyhood home, the Plains antique mall, an impressive telephone museum, and Habitat for Humanity's Global Village are just some of the attractions along the route.

The main depot is in Cordele, but riders may board at any stop, including Georgia Veterans State Park, Leslie, Americus and Plains.

The cost for adults is \$20 and \$10 for children, roundtrip.

For a schedule and ticket sales, visit www.SamShortline.com or call 1-800-864-7275.

Georgia's natural springs

WARM SPRINGS — Georgia's state parks and historic sites host three natural springs that have helped shape the state and our culture.

The best known is **Warm Springs**. Emerging at 900 gallons-per-minute and 88 degrees year-round, one of Georgia's seven warm springs transformed a west Georgia town into a well-known stagecoach stop.

The town of Warm Springs was host to Georgia's high society during the early 1900s, and it became the vacation home of Franklin D. Roosevelt after he sought relief from polio in the warm, therapeutic water.

Just off I-75 in middle Georgia is **Indian Springs State Park**, thought to be the oldest state park in the nation.

The Creek Indians believed the springs had healing and invigorating qualities.

The town of Indian Springs became a bustling resort town from the 1820s until the Great Depression.

For More Information call 706-655-5870, or visit www.FDR-LittleWhiteHouse.com.

For Indian Springs information, call 770-504-2277 or for Magnolia Springs State Park, Millen, call, 478-982-1660, or go to www.GaStateParks.org.

Backpackers lodge

AMICALOLA FALLS — With fall weather on the horizon it's time to start planning a hiking trip.

Georgia's only backcountry lodge, The Hike Inn, is found at the end of a scenic five-mile trail beginning at Amicalola Falls State Park. Hikers are rewarded with soft beds, hot showers and hearty family-style meals.

Staff members proudly boast that the temperature rose above 90 degrees only once last summer, making the eco-lodge a perfect getaway for June, July and August. Rates begin at \$65/adult and include meals. For details, visit www.hike-inn.com or call 1-800-864-7275.

Guests are encouraged to call far in advance since weekends fill quickly.

Visit Georgia parks

Visitors to Georgia's 48 state parks can make online reservations for campsites, cottages, lodge rooms, picnic shelters and other facilities.

To get to the parks' new reservation center, operated by Maryland-based Spherix, click “Make a Reservation” on www.gastateparks.org or call 1-800-864-7275 (open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.)



New Hunter Gym opens Feb. 28. See page 1B

Bancroft prize winner to visit

Special to the Frontline

The Georgia Historical Society in partnership with Savannah State University invites you to join us today at 7 p.m. for a lecture by award-winning author, historian, and University of Maryland Professor Ira Berlin.

Berlin will be speaking on the history of North American Slavery at the Jordan Hall Auditorium on the campus of Savannah State University.

Ira Berlin has written extensively on American history and the larger Atlantic world in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, particularly the history of slavery.

In 1999, his study of African-American life between 1619 and 1819, entitled *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in Mainland North America* was awarded the Bancroft Prize for the best book in American history by

Columbia University; Frederick Douglass Prize by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute; Owsley Prize by the Southern Historical Association, and the Rudwick Prize by the Organization of American Historians.

In 2002, *Generations of Captivity: A History of Slaves in the United States* was awarded the Albert Beveridge Prize by the American Historical Association and the Ansfield Wolf Award.

Many Thousands Gone has been regarded as the “standard account of the first two centuries of slavery in colonial America.”

Berlin is a noted lecturer speaking on the meaning of freedom in Civil War America and the origins of African-American society.

The lecture will be held in the Mary Clay Torian Auditorium at the Howard Jordan building on the Savannah State University campus. This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 651-2125, or visit www.georgiahistory.com.

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